

REMARKS

The present *Supplemental Amendment* supplements the *Amendment* filed on January 30, 2009 (received by OIPE February 2, 2009), and is submitted further in response to the Official Action dated October 30, 2008. The Applicant has amended the claim 18 to correct a minor informality. Specifically, claim 18 has been amended to recite "wherein at least one of Nd, Yb, Cr, Ti, Ho, and Er is added to the crystal as a dopant," which is consistent with claims 8, 13, 18 and 28-31. For the reasons set forth in the *Amendment* filed January 30, 2009, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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